

Kings Sixth FAQs

Welcome to Kings Sixth!

This is an exciting time in students' educational journey, with lots of changes and a greater sense of independence.

We are committed to fostering that increased independence and responsibility in our students, alongside a fantastic support network to help with all aspects of life in the Sixth Form.

We hope the following will outline some of the key features of Kings Sixth. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or the main school office.

Lesson Time – each subject has eight hours timetabled per fortnight. Those students who are studying a vocational qualification, worth the equivalent of two A-Levels (e.g. BTEC Business or Double Sport), will have 16 hours timetabled per fortnight.

Period 9 – all classes will have a period nine on the timetable. This lesson period is not staffed, but it is an opportunity for all students in the same class to have the same study period, to allow them to carry out collaborative or group work. If no work has been directly set for this time, students are encouraged to use it to review their notes for the subject and consolidate their learning.

Tutor Times – tutor starts at 8.45am each day. Students are expected to attend, unless it is a home study day (see Home Study). In these sessions students cover employability and higher education options, as well as the PSHE topics that support their development as young adults. Tutors will also write references for students as part of the move forward to their next steps.

Home Study – students can select five non-contact lessons per fortnight to study at home. Home study periods should be taken prior to the first contact lesson of the day. Assembly on Thursdays and extended tutor time on Fridays should not be identified as home study periods. If there are concerns regarding attendance, punctuality and a student's standard of work, home study can be withdrawn. Attendance must be **95% or higher** to qualify for home study.

Signing In/Out – students can sign out at student reception to go into the village if they do not have a lesson, or after their last lesson of the day. For health and safety and safeguarding reasons, it is mandatory that students sign in and out at student reception.

Lanyards – we ask that all Kings Sixth students wear their lanyards when on Academy site. This is an important feature of our safeguarding policy, and lanyards should be worn visibly at all times. Thank you for encouraging students to do this and explaining its importance.

Year 12 Work Experience – Year 12 students have work experience week in July (w/c Monday 3 July). We strongly encourage all students to identify and organise a placement for this week. More information to follow. Start your research early!

EPQ – Extended Project Qualification. This is a qualification which earns UCAS points and, in some cases, the successful completion of one can reduce university entry requirements. Students complete an independent project with the support of Miss Knightley and other mentors. It is an opportunity for students to develop and evidence their independent learning skills and their ability to run and manage a project.

Enrichment – all sixth form students will have Wednesday afternoons free to enable them to take part in an enrichment activity. Opportunities include doing an EPQ, volunteering, Rising Stars, Peer Mentoring, MOOC, supported study. These activities enable students to develop and strengthen a range of skills beyond the classroom.

For further information, please also see the Kings Sixth A-Z on the Academy website (click [here](#)).